

What is claimed is:

1           1. A protective cover for an optical fiber cable coil stored on a fiber cable  
2   reel, comprising:

3                 an elongate flexible wrapping member having a length sufficient to extend  
4   substantially around an outer circumferential surface of the optical fiber cable coil;

5                 a plurality of insulating members disposed on the wrapping member, said  
6   insulating members being arranged in proximity to each other to form an insulating  
7   region; and

8                 a fastening member arranged for fastening the wrapping member around  
9   the outer circumferential surface of the optical fiber cable coil.

1           2. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible wrapping  
2   member is constructed of fabric.

1           3. The protective cover of claim 2, wherein the fabric is nylon.

1           4. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said wrapping member  
2   includes a plurality of pockets, and said insulating members are disposed within said  
3   pockets.

1           5. The protective cover of claim 4, wherein long sides of the pockets  
2   overlap long sides of adjacent pockets.

1           6. The protective cover of claim 4, wherein long sides of the pockets  
2   substantially abut long sides of adjacent pockets.

1                   7. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the insulating members are  
2    elongate in shape and have a length substantially perpendicular to the length of the  
3    wrapping member.

1                   8. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said insulating members are  
2    bonded to said wrapping member.

1                   9. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the insulating members are  
2    ceramic blocks.

1                   10. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the wrapping member has a  
2    width sufficiently narrow to be placed between flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                   11. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the wrapping member has a  
2    width sufficiently wide to be placed over flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                   12. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the insulating members are  
2    removable from the wrapping member.

1                   13. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the fastening member is a  
2    cinch strap attached to the wrapping member and extending the length of the wrapping  
3    member.

1                   14. A method for protecting an optical fiber cable coil stored on a fiber  
2    cable reel, comprising the steps of:

3                         wrapping a protective cover around an outer circumferential surface of the  
4     optical fiber cable coil, the protective cover including an elongate wrapping member  
5     having a plurality of pockets containing ceramic insulating members; and  
6                         fastening the protective cover around the outer circumferential surface of  
7     the optical fiber cable coil.

1                         15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of wrapping the protective  
2     cover around an outer circumferential surface of the cable includes placing the cover  
3     between flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                         16. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of wrapping the protective  
2     cover around an outer circumferential surface of the cable includes placing the cover over  
3     circumferences of flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                         17. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of fastening the protective  
2     cover around the outer surface of the optical fiber cable coil includes cinching at least one  
3     strap around the cover.

1                         18. The method of claim 14, wherein the pockets are elongate in shape and  
2     have a length substantially perpendicular to the length of the wrapping member.

1                         19. The method of claim 18, wherein the pockets of the wrapping member  
2     overlap.